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SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Report of the Social Committee

1. The Social Committee considered the question of social development (agenda item 20) at its 4th to 10th meetings, from 9 to 14 July 1993. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future (A/48/56-E/1993/6);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on progress achieved and obstacles encountered in implementing the social development goals and objectives of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (E/1993/5);

(c) Report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the implementation of Economic and Social Council resolution 1992/22 (E/1993/10);

(d) Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24); 1/

(e) Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (E/1993/32); 2/

(f) Report on the World Social Situation, 1993 (E/1993/50/Rev.1); 3/

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(g) Note verbale dated 6 July 1993 from the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations and other international organizations at Vienna addressed to the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Vienna (E/1993/103);

(h) Statement submitted by the International Federation of Associations of the Elderly (FIAPA), a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I (E/1993/NGO/5).

2. At the 4th to 10th meetings, the Committee held a general discussion on the item. At the 4th meeting, on 9 July, the Committee heard introductory statements by the Director and Coordinator for the International Year of the Family and the Director of the Department for Economic and Social Information and Policy Analysis.

3. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community) and the Russian Federation.

4. At the 5th meeting, on 12 July, the Chief of the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch made an introductory statement.

5. At the same meeting, the representative of Turkey made a statement.

6. Also at the same meeting, the observers for the Inter-Press Service International Cooperative and the Inter-Parliamentary Union, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made statements.

7. At the 6th meeting, on 12 July, the representative of Austria made a statement.

8. At the same meeting, the observer for the International Federation of Associations of the Elderly, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

9. At the 7th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of Austria, China, Belarus, the United States of America and Romania.

10. At the 8th meeting, on 13 July, statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation and Poland and the observer for Venezuela.

11. At the same meeting, the observers for the World Federation of Trade Unions and the International Council on Social Welfare, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made statements.

12. At the 9th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Belgium (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Economic Community), Japan, Canada (on behalf also of Australia and New Zealand), Kuwait and the Republic of Korea.

13. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, statements were made by the representatives of Ukraine and Bangladesh and the observer for Slovakia.

14. At the same meeting, the observer for the International Movement ATD Fourth World, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, category I, also made a statement.

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session

15. Chapter I of the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24) contained eight draft resolutions and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council. It also contained one decision of the Commission that called for action by the Council. One resolution and one decision of the Commission were brought to the attention of the Council.

16. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Secretary informed the Committee that the draft proposals contained in the report had no programme budget implications.

International Day of Disabled Persons

17. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "International Day of Disabled Persons" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution I).

Standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities

18. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, following a statement by the Secretary, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for persons with disabilities" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution II).

19. After the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Spain and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

Development of a plan of action to implement the long-term strategy to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

20. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Chairman orally proposed an amendment to draft resolution III, entitled "Development of a plan of action to implement the Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons". The amendment called for the replacement of operative paragraph 3, which read:

> "3. Recommends that the draft plan of action should include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and should be submitted for consideration and approval by the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session",

by the following text:

> "3. Recommends that the draft plan of action include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-eighth session and for approval at its forty-ninth session."

21. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral amendment.

22. The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 53 below, draft resolution III).

Positive and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and the leadership role of the United Nations therein

23. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, following statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and the United States of America, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "Positive and full inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of society and the leadership role of the United Nations therein" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution IV).

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing

24. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Ageing" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution V).

International Year of the Family

25. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "International Year of the Family" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VI).

Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond

26. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VII, entitled "Tenth anniversary of International Youth Year and draft world programme of action for youth towards the year 2000 and beyond" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VII).

United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

27. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VIII, entitled "United Nations Research Institute for Social Development" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution VIII).

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission

28. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session and provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-fourth session of the Commission" (see para. 54 below, draft decision I).

International Year of Older Persons

29. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "International Year of Older Persons" (see para. 54 below, draft decision II).

Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems

30. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland orally proposed the following draft decision:

> "The Economic and Social Council takes note of draft decision III, entitled 'Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems', contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session (E/1993/24) and requests the Commission to reconsider it at its thirty-fourth session."

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Spain, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and Norway and the observer for Sweden.

32. At the same meeting, following statements by the Chairman and the Secretary, the Committee adopted the draft decision (see para. 54 below, draft decision III).

33. The representative of the United Kingdom then made a statement.

Nomination of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

34. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

35. At the same meeting, the Committee decided to recommend, for confirmation by the Economic and Social Council, the candidates listed in Commission for Social Development decision 33/101 for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (see para. 54 below, draft decision IV).

Recommendations contained in the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

36. Chapter I of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session (E/1993/32) contained nine draft resolutions and three draft decisions recommended for adoption by the Council.

37. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Secretary informed the Committee that the draft proposals contained in the report had no programme budget implications for 1993.

Violence against women in all its forms

38. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, following a statement by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Committee adopted draft resolution I, entitled "Violence against women in all its forms" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution IX).

Proposed guidelines for the prevention of urban crime

39. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution II, entitled "Proposed guidelines for the prevention of urban crime" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution X).

The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment

40. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution III, entitled "The role of criminal law in the protection of the environment" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XI).

World ministerial conference on organized transnational crime

41. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IV, entitled "World ministerial conference on organized transnational crime" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XII).

Control of the proceeds of crime

42. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution V, entitled "Control of the proceeds of crime" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XIII).

Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme

43. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution VI, entitled "Strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XIV).

Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

44. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the representative of France orally proposed an amendment to draft resolution VIII, entitled "Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders". The amendment called for the addition of the words "as well as the initiatives by States to participate actively in the organization of and follow up to such workshops" at the end of operative paragraph 7.

45. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Kuwait and Romania.

46. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the oral amendment.

47. A statement was then made by the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

48. Also at the 10th meeting, the Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally amended (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XV).

United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

49. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft resolution IX, entitled "United Nations African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders" (see para. 53 below, draft resolution XVI).

Reappointment of two members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

50. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision I, entitled "Reappointment of two members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute" (see para. 54 below, draft decision V).

Organization of future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

51. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision II, entitled "Organization of future sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice" (see para. 54 below, draft decision VI).

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Commission

52. At the 10th meeting, on 14 July, the Committee adopted draft decision III, entitled "Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its second session and provisional agenda and documentation for the third session of the Commission" (see para. 54 below, draft decision VII).

Recommendations of the Social Committee

53. The Social Committee recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I, II AND IV-VIII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1993/24), CHAP. I, SECT. A]

DRAFT RESOLUTION III

Development of a plan of action to implement the long-term strategy to further the implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/91 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly invited Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to implement the agenda for action until the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and beyond and the preliminary outline of a long-term strategy to the year 2000 and beyond: a society for all,

Taking note of the deliberations of the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session and of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-third session on the subject of the long-term strategy,

Emphasizing the need to take rapid action in this connection,

Recalling its resolution 1991/9 of 30 May 1991, in which it recommended that a meeting of experts, to be funded by voluntary contributions, be held in conjunction with the conference entitled "Independence 1992", to be organized

in Canada, with the primary objective of drawing up a long-term strategy to implement the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons 4/ to the year 2000 and beyond,

Taking note with appreciation of the report of the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on a Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond, 5/ held at Vancouver from 25 to 29 April 1992, and of the important input of non-governmental organizations of persons with disabilities,

Recognizing that the report represents a significant step forward in the development of the plan of action to implement the long-term strategy,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States on the framework outlined in the report of the United Nations Expert Group Meeting on a Long-Term Strategy to Further the Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons to the Year 2000 and Beyond;

2. Also requests the Secretary-General to develop a draft plan of action based on those views, the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, the report of the Expert Group Meeting referred to in paragraph 1 above, the report of the ad hoc open-ended working group to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons (E/CN.5/1993/5) and other recent developments, as appropriate;

3. Recommends that the draft plan of action include priorities and a time-frame for implementation and be submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its forty-eighth session and for approval at its forty-ninth session;

4. Requests that the draft plan of action be developed in consultation with the international non-governmental organizations of persons with disabilities having consultative status with the Economic and Social Council.

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS IX-XIV AND XVI, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ON ITS SECOND SESSION (E/1993/32), CHAP. I, SECT. A, DRAFT RESOLUTIONS I-VI and IX.]

DRAFT RESOLUTION XV

Preparations for the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering that, pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 and 46/152 of 18 December 1991, the Ninth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is to be convened in 1995,

Bearing in mind General Assembly resolutions 32/59 and 32/60 of 8 December 1977, 35/171 of 15 December 1980 and 45/121 of 14 December 1990, in which the Assembly noted the importance of the United Nations congresses in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice,

Acknowledging the new role of the congresses stipulated in paragraph 29 of the Statement of Principles and Programme of Action annexed to General Assembly resolution 46/152,

Emphasizing the importance of undertaking all the preparatory activities for the Ninth Congress in a timely and concerted manner,

Recalling its resolution 1992/24 of 30 July 1992, in which it requested the Secretary-General to prepare a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress, to be considered by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its second session, including proposals for action-oriented research and demonstration workshops related to the topics selected for the Ninth Congress,

Recalling also that, in the same resolution, it requested the Secretary-General to prepare draft rules of procedure for the Ninth Congress, taking into account, inter alia, the need for all draft resolutions on the selected topics to be submitted well in advance of the Ninth Congress,

Aware of the role played in crime prevention and criminal justice by the dissemination to the public of relevant information and of the impact on society at large of the mass media, at both the national and international levels,

Considering that, in view of the internationalization of new forms of criminality, the criminal justice community should work hand-in-hand with the mass media to attain an optimal level of dissemination of reliable and timely information on crime prevention,

Aware of the important work to be accomplished by the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on progress made in the preparations for the Ninth Congress, 6/

1. Takes note with apprecation of the invitation of the Government of Uganda to act as host for the African Regional Preparatory Meeting for the Ninth Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders;

2. Approves the following provisional agenda for the Ninth Congress, finalized by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its second session:

1. Opening of the Congress.

2. Organizational matters.

3. International coooperation and practical technical assistance for strengthening the rule of law: promoting the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

4. Action against national and transnational economic and organized crime, and the role of criminal law in the protection of the environment: national experiences and international cooperation.

5. Criminal justice and police systems: management and improvement of police and other law enforcement agencies, prosecution, courts, corrections; and the role of lawyers.

6. Crime prevention strategies, in particular as related to crimes in urban areas and juvenile and violent criminality, including the question of victims: assessment and new perspectives.

7. Adoption of the report of the Congress.

3. Approves also the rules of procedure for United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, as recommended by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and contained in the annex to the present resolution;

4. Takes note of the discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress, together with its addendum, approved by the Commission at its second session;

5. Endorses the programme of work for the Ninth Congress, including the holding of six workshops on the following topics:

(a) Extradition and international cooperation: exchange of national experiences and implementation of relevant principles in national legislation (one day);

(b) Mass media and crime prevention (one day);

(c) Urban policy and crime prevention (one day);

(d) Prevention of violent crime (one day);

(e) Environmental protection at the national and international levels: potentials and limits of criminal justice (two days);

(f) International cooperation and assistance in the management of the criminal justice system: computerization of criminal justice operations and the development, analysis and policy use of criminal justice information (two days);

6. Notes that all organizational work for the above-mentioned workshops will be coordinated by the Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch;

7. Accepts with appreciation the initiatives of the interregional, regional and associate institutes cooperating with the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice to assist the Secretariat in convening the workshops, as well as the initiatives by States to participate actively in the organization of and follow up to such workshops; 7/

8. Invites donor countries to cooperate with developing countries to ensure the full participation of the latter in the workshops;

9. Decides to include within the framework of the plenary of the Ninth Congress a one-day discussion on experiences in and practical measures aimed at combating corruption involving public officials;

10. Invites Member States, non-governmental organizations and other relevant entities to support financially, organizationally and technically the preparations for the workshops;

11. Takes note of the timetable for the five regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 8/

12. Recommends that adequate provision be made for the attendance of the relevant regional commissions at the third and fourth sessions of the Commission and at the Ninth Congress;

13. Requests the Secretary-General:

(a) To undertake the necessary logistic steps, in collaboration with Member States and the network of crime prevention institutes, to mobilize the participation of relevant parties in the preparations for all six workshops;

(b) To allocate, in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995, the necessary resources for the organization of the five regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress and of the Ninth Congress itself;

(c) To make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in the regional preparatory meetings for the Ninth Congress and the Ninth Congress itself;

(d) To provide the necessary additional resources, including temporary assistance, to the United Nations Office at Vienna, in order to enable its Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Branch to undertake, in an effective and timely manner, all preparatory and follow-up activities for the Ninth Congress;

(e) To provide resources, as required, to ensure a wide and effective programme of public information related to the preparations for the Ninth Congress and the Ninth Congress itself;

(f) To invite 20 expert consultants to participate in the Ninth Congress, at the expense of the United Natoins, as was done for the previous three United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders, thus ensuring that adequate expertise is provided to the Ninth Congress by each region for each substantive topic;

(g) To appoint, in accordance with the established practice for the congresses, a Secretary-General of the Ninth Congress;

14. Decides that the Ninth Congress should be held early in 1995 for a period of 10 working days and 2 days of pre-Congress consultations;

15. Encourages Governments to undertake preparations for the Ninth Congress by all appropriate means, with a view to formulating national position papers;

16. Invites the Commission to accord high priority, at its third session, to the preparations for the Ninth Congress and to ensure that all necessary organizations and substantive arrangements are made in good time.

[FOR THE TEXT OF THE ANNEX, SEE E/1993/32, CHAP. I, SECT. A, DRAFT RESOLUTION VIII.]

54. The Social Committee also recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT DECISIONS I AND II, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT (E/1993/24), CHAP. I, SECT. B.]

DRAFT DECISION III

Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems

The Economic and Social Council takes note of draft decision III entitled "Contribution of comprehensive national social policies to societal management and to the solving of economic, environmental, demographic, cultural and political problems", contained in the report of the Commission for Social Development on its thirty-third session 9/ and requests the Commission to reconsider it at its thirty-fourth session.

DRAFT DECISION IV

Confirmation of members of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council, on the nomination by the Commission for Social Development, in its decision 33/101 of 17 February 1993, 10/ decides to confirm the following candidates for membership in the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development for an additional term of two years, beginnning on 1 July 1993:

Lars ANELL (Sweden);

Ingrid EIDE (Norway);

Tatyana KORYAGINA (Russian Federation);

Maureen O'NEIL (Canada);

Akilagpa SAWYERR (Ghana).

[FOR THE TEXTS OF DRAFT DECISIONS V-VII, SEE THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON CRIME PREVENTION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE ON ITS SECOND SESSION (E/1993/32), CHAP. I, SECT. B, DRAFT DECISIONS I-III.]

Notes

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24).

2/ To be issued as Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 12 (E/1993/32).

3/ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.IV.2.

4/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

5/ E/CN.5/1993/4.

6/ E/CN.15/1993/7 and Corr.1

7/ E/CN.15/1993/CRP.1, paras. 66-75.

8/ E/CN.15/1993/7 and Corr.1, para. 5.

9/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1993, Supplement No. 4 (E/1993/24), chap. I, sect. B.

10/ Ibid., chap.I, sect. C.